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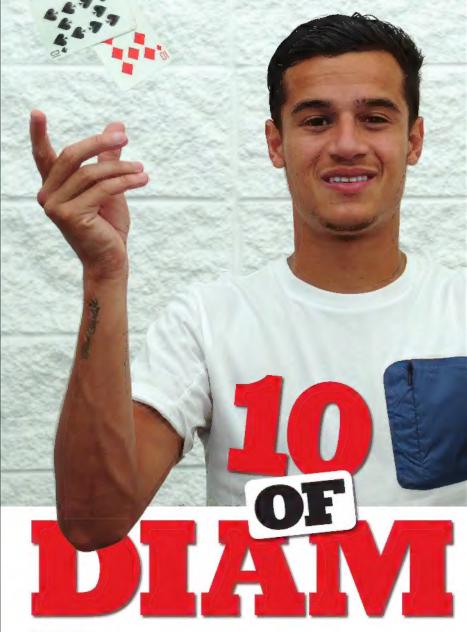
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Midfield magician Philippe Coutinho celebrates his return to the Brazil squad and shares his Liverpool FC dreams with William Hughes

Sturndge compared Philippe Coutinho to the American magician David Blaine. A box of tricks, the Brazilian's midfield mastery during his first full seeson at Anfield saw him become established as one of the acas in Brendan Rodgers' pack

ate last year Daniel

With seven Premier League assists. the no10 was a key creative pivot demonstrating the vision to spot the forward runs of Sturridge and company. In pre-season's home Iriendly against Borussia Dortmund his sublime throughball set the England striker racing in on goal to score again.

"Sometimes these things just happen," says Philippe, "I wouldn't say I am always thinking two or three passes ahead but there are occasions when you see the opportunity: you spot the player and pick him out.

"In my position I always want to produce the best passes and create the best chances - you look and try to see where the opportunities are."

A big part of Coutnho's vision in the short, medium and long term is finding success with club and country. While he admits that he was never expecting to be a part of Brazil's squad for the home World Cup finals this summer, a combination of his own early-season form and his nation's semi-final capitulation to Germany has now brought him an international recall. Former defensive midfielder Dunga was restored to the role of nationalteam manager in July almost four years to the day that he left the post.

Reflecting on Brazil's 7-1 dismantling by Germany in Belo Horizonte, the Flo-born schemer says: "The semifinal was very unfortunate but garnes like that can happen. Now the squad has to look forward. I are really, really

happy about being selected now for the squad and I hope to be able to show the quality of my work for the

team in this new era.

") did not have a chance to talk to Dungs before the squad was named but I am looking torward to joining up with them and would love to be a big part of it for the future."

Coulinho makes no secret of his ambition to play in a World Cup but says it is a case of learning to wait before he runs. First up were friendles against Colorins in Marini and Ecuador in New Jersey at the start of September. He incress that a confinued presence in the Sambia squad will depend on his ability to maintain a level of consistency in the read shirt of Liverpool. If he can do that throughout his campaign, his reward may be a place in the squad for the Cope a place in the squad for the Cope America in Chie neat summer.

"Of course building towards that lournament and beyond is important, but we have to think in terms of one step at a time." he says. "This is a great opportunity for me but I also have to concentrate on my work here at Liverpool. It's a case of taking things stowly, but of course I would love to be involved with the squad."

Countries only senior cap to data came in Ototoe 2010 when, as an 18-year-old, he was selected by Mano-Menozos to start a 3-0 irlandly victory against lear. His recall to the squad was widely fauded with those bucking Dungas decision including action including action in including action in the squad system of the squad was widely fauded with those bucking Dungas decision including action including action.

"That was very nice for me to heer," says Coutinho. "He is one of the

## "Being called up by Brazil is great but I have to focus on my lob here"

greatest number 10s ever isn't he? It was a great honour for me to receive such comments as those from him. For me, It is a great motivating factor to carry on improving."

Another stimulus is LFC's secondplead linesh in the Permier League lest season. Coultisho confesses was a campaign of paradioxes on the one hand he was establishing himself as a first-team regular in a team that socred more than 100 league goels; on the other was a linguing feeling of what might have been as the prospect of the club's first title in 24 years disappeared in the final fours hours of fortbeat.

"In the end is was difficult for us because we were very close to winning the title. But overall we have to look back and say it was a good ession. Nobody outside the dub expected us to be challengers and we still managed to secure a place in the Champions Lasgue. It was important for everybody, not just me, to achieve that, We have to think of flest sesson as a base but also as an inspiration. We have to build on it so that we reach those same levels and more. Hopefully we can use if sa a catalyst for success.

"The Learn's crowning ambition is to win the championship, We nearly reached that target last season and so we definitely want to make sure that we attain it this season."

Halping him towards that objective are several new faces. The shake-up to the playing staff had seen nine new arrivate at Metwood heading into the final few days of the transfer window.

"It's exacting times because a number of great players have arrived to help the learn. In the attacking multifield positions we have added Lazar Markovic and Adam Laisma who have shown great quality in training and I'm sure they will be important players for the club in the years shead.

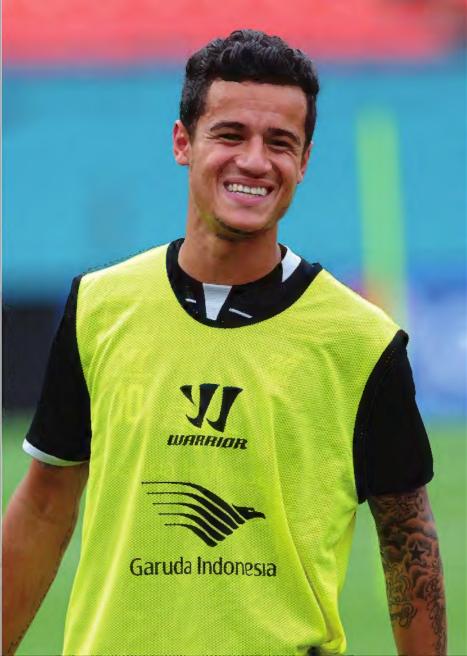
I actually played against Lazer in a Europa League game a couple of years ago when I was at finer and he was with Partizan Belgrade. He would only have been 18 but even then I could already see that he was a playor with great quality and I am convinced that he will help our team an awful of.

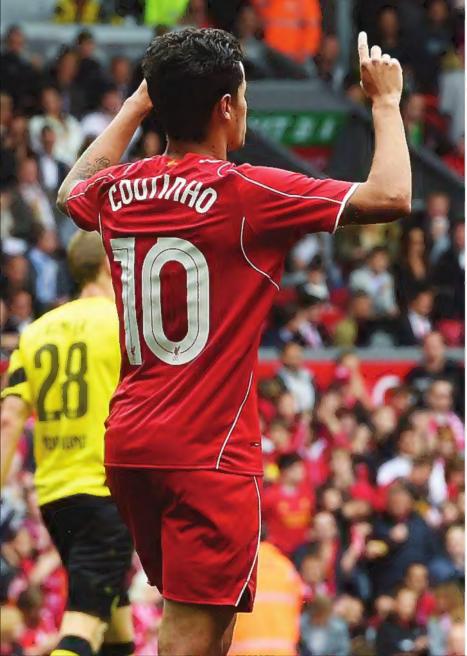
"Of course it's not just those two players. We have brought in some excellent quality in all areas of the team so we feel we are well equipped to do well poant this session."

### MORE ICE?

Philippa was nominated to undertake the Ice Bucket Challenge by Cardiff City's Brazillan defender Fabio. The challenge was created by the ALS Association, working to fight Amyotrophic Lateral Scienosis aiso known as Motor Naurone Disease in the UK. "It was a great labook water Plat the for and very, very cold but it was all for a good cause," he says, "One of my three nominations was Lucas and he accepted it. ( also nominated Souza, who I played with at Vasco da Gama and is now at Seo Paulo, and Juan Jesus who plays for inter 1 don't think either of them did it within 24 hours so they will have to pay the money!







Philippe has been a former teammate of another new signing, Mario Balotelli, but only for seven days! "I only practised and trained with him for one week at inter in the pre-season of 2010 because he was on his way out to join Manchester City just as I was on my way in from Vasco. He is a great player who scores loads of goals and could be an important part of the team. The club has decided to bring him into the squad and I am looking forward to playing alongside him."

In terms of personal progress Coutinho believes another 12 months working with Brendan Rodgers and his coaching staff will aid the evolution of his game. "I've been here 18 months. and become more familiar with his methods. It's great because the manager here gives the players a lot of freedom. I believe it's very important for footballers to feel that they have a freedom of movement to play their own games and express themselves.

"I always want to strive for improvement on the pitch. I went to give my best on the field and try to get better every time I go out there."

One area where he accepts he must start showing a greater return is his goalscoring contribution. If may seem odd to highlight this in so free-flowing a team, but Coutinho went into the new campaign with a record of eight goals from 50 appearances for Liverpool and believes he can better last season's tally of five "It's part of my game that I definitely want to improve on and I believe I can. In each training practice that is on my mind "

The early signs are good - that friendly against Dortmund brought the Brazikan a goal in front of the Kop as he wrapped up a convincing 4-0 victory. The Fleds built on that auccess by beginning their new league campaign seven days later with a hardfought deleat of Southampton.

"It was a big match for us and it was very important to get those first three points on the board. We saw last season against Stoke what a big difference it can make by getting off to a winning start. Now the team wants to improve throughout the season."

This month will see the start of the Reds' first UEFA Champions League campaign for five years and Coutinhois excited at the prospect of rubbing shoulders with some of the game's modern greats in club competition. He has had previous tastes of the tournament during his time in Italy and says it is the place to be

"I am evoted about it because it is probably the greatest club tournament. in the world. It will be good to be a part of again and we will try to do as well as we can but we also have to be mindful of what we aim to achieve in the Premier League and not lorget that.

"Playing in the Champions League



### "It's great that the boss gives us the freedom to express ourselves"

with Inter Milan was great for me at the time. As a young player who had only seen the tournament on TV before. I was living a dream when I was playing in those games. Now I want that feeling to carry on and I'm determined to enjoy it as much as possible."

You get the leeling that Philippe has found the periect platform to enjoy his football at Liverpool. He speaks, as he plays, like one beyond his years. It is hard to believe that on the day Brazil licked off their World Cup campaign with a 3-1 win against Crostia m Sao Paulo, he was celebrating only his 22nd birthday. He hopes to be spending his 26th in Russia with the Brazilian World Cup squad, If he achieves that, the man playing many of Liverpool's creative cards will no doubt have produced plenty for Kopites to savour between times - starting with the current cempaion. "I do feel confident going into the season but the most important thing is that, as a group, the team feets ready. We had a good pre-season but now we have to focus on the work ahead.

"It is a young squad and we all want to help the dub move forward. It is another important season for all of us. but we are excited by what lies ahead."

Some of a block

He's a very skilled and tactical player. He has already played in a number of countries. which must have been a good learning experience for him as he has achieved a higher level of confidence now at Liverpool. This confidence has probably come from the manager and his team-mates, and is something our players need when playing abroad. He's improved his performances as a result and you can see [last season] he was being more audacious in trying new moves and taking higher risks. For me, that development was important for Liverpool to have the attacking quality we saw last season. You have to be a regular performer to win a place with the national team, not just play well in a single season. He is on the right track."



### Mario fantastico Mario magnifico

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Marlo, welcome to Liverpool Football Club. How do you feel to have signed for the club? I'm very happy. We've been talling about coming here and I'm happy to be here.

What attracted you to the challenge here at Liverpool? Liverpool are one of the best learns in England. The lootball is very good here. It's a great team with young players, and that's why I came here

You've received an incredible reception from the fans here streatly, How has that made you leat?

I didn't expect it because I've always been playing against Liverpool Whenever played against Liverpool.

"I can see the expectation in the fans - they're happy and so am I" the fants weren't nice with me but that's normal. It's football! Now that I play for fuverpoot, can see the expectation in people. They're very happy and that makes me very happy at the same bine.

You've previously described playing at Anfield as a 'beautiful experience' to Fabio Borni did you enjoy playing at Anfield as an opposing player?

No - but when I play with this team [at Anfield] it's going to be nice for sure To play here for Liverpool excites me, but it you're an opponent it's difficult.

For someone still so young you have a lot of experience can you use that to help what is a young team here?

I maybe have a title bit more

I maybe have a little bit more experience than other players ii I can help them. I'm happy to help them.

Liverpool are back in the Champions League. You were Inter's youngest-ever score in the tournament and also won it with them in 2010. Will those experiences help Liverpool this season?





## "I want to win another Champions League - I want to do it with Liverpool"

Lalways start a competition wanting to win it. We will see want to win another Champions, usague for sure, because the Champions League wash! all mine, was in a team, want to take this team to the Champions useous.

You have been away from English football for around 18 months - how do you feel about coming back?

I'm happy to be back because left England and it was a mistake I warded to go to tally but realised it was a mistake.

### Do you teel English lootball suits you better?

English football is generally better English football is beautiful.

### You've taken the no45 shirt

can you explain its significance? When first plyed three to four genes with their Main when I was young. I had not5 because the numbers for young players were from no56 to no50 I too! 45 because was johing that lour plas her is nine. and scored in all four garnes. If brings me luck and half were to early several notes.

Finally, what are your ambitions here at Liverpool? What do you hope to achieve? As much as I can





### WHAT THEY SAY

Brendan Rodgers. 'He's got that self-belief and flootball amogance when he's on the fleid. All of the big teams and best teams have that Hopfall, he can contribute to what we are doing. We know that he is a thotball talent and he knows that he is a thotball talent and he knows that he is a thotball talent and he knows that he is a thotball talent and he shows that he a tray much part of a team. There are no big egos this is a group that has been successful, improved and got to the Champions League because

Jordan Henderson; "I think everyone is happy and looking forward to playing with him because he is a blented player and a very big player. Hopefully he can come into the squad and gel shaight away and give us a big lift."

needs to fit into that."

fan Rush. When Suarez wes playing with Sturridge, they interacted and read the game together, Baiotelli and Sturridge will do that. He's had so many clubs so early bur I shink now he is feeming in mature. He has been given a tentestic chaince and the supporters will give him every chance."

John Akiridge: "He provides another option and we've got a lot of games this season, so Brendanlass plenty of options now. He could be phenomenal and he is the type who will be emisearing to the tims."

Joe Allen: 'T'm excited to work with him. He's a player with massive quality. He has that spontaneous edge to him. He's going to give us a massive threat.'













### PICK THAT ONE OUT

Mano Balotelli rescued the season for one of Italy's footballing grants, writes Sheridan Bird

a scorn a goal live that talkes work in training. Epiradise timese shots God gave me talend. but If work hard." This was Mario Betotelli's reaction to his 86th-meute women for AC Milian against 80togra in Pobruary 2014. By then, sowing the Rossoners had become a pleasing habit. "That dipping long-distance broket."

with file back-fit, which flow overwelling goallivesper Garituca Curci was a distillation of Batio's skill and fisansome power His transfer to Mam lirom Manchester City in January 2013 had given everyone a boost. The day he signed we sold 30,000 more copies than normal, recalls

A Cure.

Gazzetta dello Sport columnisti Luigi Garlando

Milian were 2th in Serie A after 13 matches in 2012, 13 and facing a humilisting season When Balotelli joined a few weeks later they were still outside the main places for European qualification. The new boy made an instant impact and finished the season with 12 leaque.







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goals in 13 matches. Shrugging off their wretched start, the seven-times European champions clinched third and a place in the Champions League "Balotelli was so introditant," savs writer Massimiliano Cristina from the Italian website SportMediaset "He carned Milan to European qualification He was the star without his goals 100

too helf of the table After Mario's first year in black-andred, club director Adriano Galliani said: Balo is a great player. He's scored 26 goals in a year for us that's not an insignificant amount, especially considering we were the first club to make him a regular starter in the XII in England he played in bursts.

The good vibes of spring 2013 Ritered through to the player's international form, Italy were impressive at the 2013 Confederations. Cup, the dress-rehearsal for the World Cup finals in Brazil, Cesare Pranciolir's team, a mix of veterans in the defence and exciting youth in creative areas.

### REDS & BLUES: LFC'S THER ITALIANS



Fabio Borini joined (Jverpool THE RESIDENCE OF STREET, STREE become Brendan Rodgers' first signing as Liverpool manager The striker accored two goals in 20 eppearances in his first season. in a red shirt against FC Gome! at Anfield in the UEFA Europa League and at Newcastle United In the Barclays Premier League - before spanding the 2013/14 The second line is Section 1 where his seven league goals played a key role in helping the club to avoid relegation.

that report Bars All Plaints Selfekter Allesto Academi ver ed by Plates! Beriter in Acc uniona fiar thin Playlis, in t ind ob; annials. He was self to Pieceriles to 2012 after special ultre seasons on beauti July lands and AC 1986.





Andrea Dosseria signed for Liverpool from Udinese in July 2008 for a fee of £7million to replace the Rome-bound John Arne Riise. The left-back made 31 appearances in a Liverpool shirt and scored two memorable goels for the club in victories against Real Madrid and Manchester United in March 2009 - the former from close range after coming on an a late substitute at Anfield, the latter an inch-perfect lob at Old Trafford in the tamous 4-1 victory. After a return to Italy with Napoli he was released by Sunderland at the end of lest season.

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### "In his second season with Milan he wasn't getting the killer pass"

plundered eight goals in their lirst three carnes. Baloteli scored two. but when injury forced him out of the semi-final against Spain the team lost as cutting edge

During that competition Mario looked lean and motivated, often perched on the halfway line waiting for the ball. His strength and explosive speed from a standstill terrified his markers. Playing a high line against an on-sone Baiotelli. has always been bad for the nerves When he's pacing around the centre circle detenders are so womed about his ability to latch on to through balls and thunder towards goal that they leave space for others.

Back at the San Siro, his second season became increasingly problematic. The team's poor form cost coach Massimillano Allegn his job: Although replacement Clarence Seedorf improved spirits, he didn't secure a European berth. Balotelli was still a protagonist, scoring in three of Seedon's first five matches, but many telt the side lacked confidence and the quality to feed their centre-forward. Gazzetta dello Sport loumalist

Stetano Cantalupi says: "He was dropping into midfield more often. instead of attacking the spaces. pround the other side s goal. But at Milan he didn't have many teammates to provide him with 'killer passes "SuperMano ended 2013/14 with 14 league opais and 18 in all competitions, tially's struggles at the World Cup were well-documented. but Baloteli's headed winer against England typified his aenal threat. His goal sealed Italy's only win of the

Tail stories bury the footballing lacts about the Sloily-born star. His strength to hold up the ball and presence of mind to pass into space created Sergio Aguero's title-winning goal for Manchester City in 2012, Balotelli has a wonderful touch and the iron physique to withstand battennos from Premier League centre-backs. He's quick and content to play with his back to goal when necessary

The truth is that Mano did well for Milan under arduous conditions, it was a difficult time for the Rossonen, yet the striker was their leading light and one-man rescue act. What Brendan Rodgers and Jiverpool fans want to see is how well Balo can do in a happy, harmonique environment. Opponents are trying not to think too much about it

European football writer Sheridan International States Clark. FA and UEFA publications and is the co-author of the award-winning book Footbell Type.

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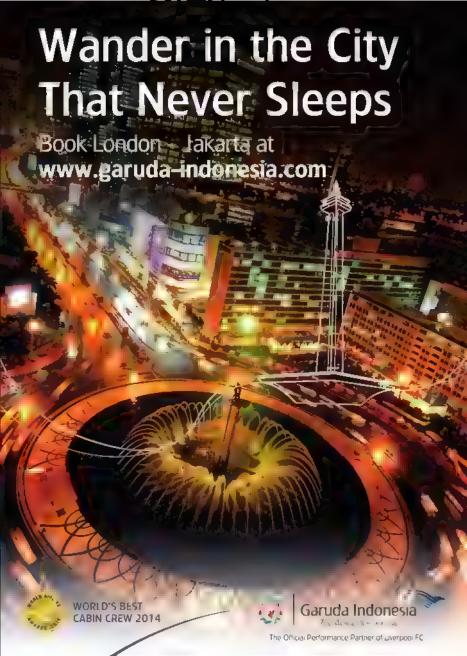


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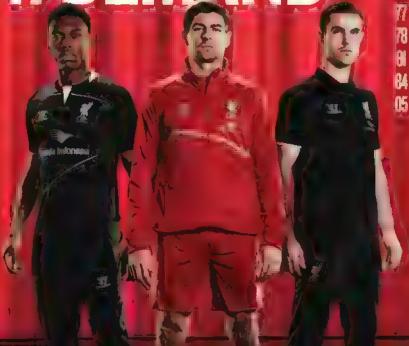
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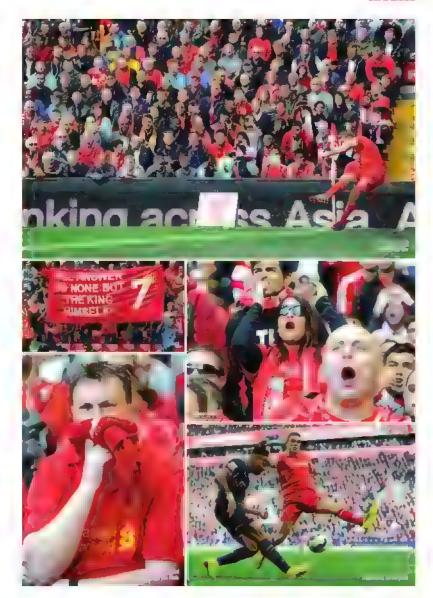


















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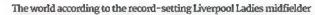




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# FARA

Fora Williams is England's mostcapped player of all time. Against Sweden at the start of use month the Unerspool Ledies midfleder made her 130th appearance, beeting Rachet Yankey's record, then helped place at next year's World Cup finals in Canada.

### Reaching 130 caps in manner for me.

It is one that hearth sunk in and probably wont, and it refer which hopefully and going to be just yet. As long as I-kepp Iti and playing well here at Livespot and Mark, Sampson. England manager | is heaply to select me then I'm happy to continue. Their hopefully Mark with have the In contention for one of the midfield applies for the World Clup in Canada next year.

### It's great to be part of the new England set-up.

What Mark and Matisenne (Speciny assistant manager have brought is a series of contamient about what we can achieve. When you shork at how his teams are set up, it is changed and that is credit to him. He picks officernt possionnel depending on the opposition, and think when you've got a manager and a squad of players who are able to adupt to different sheatons, we've got good things coming for the.

The Sweden game last month was special not only for my 130th cap but also for the performance against a toam such as Sweden that I don't ever remember beating and certainty not by that scoreline. 4-0 For me it showed how far the team has come.

At the Euros in 2011 I thought we had a good belance between youth and expenence but maybe the Isam wasn't quite ready then. They've had three years to push on and now we have plemty of tallented young players, and more competition for most positions. Hope Powell did all antassor job but probably didn't leet there were enough players to put pressure on those being picked. Now Mark has a bigger pool of talent to salest from As piayers, we are regularly checking over our shoulders. knowing there is somebody there ready to lake our spot.

### i made my England debut aged 17.

It was under Hope Powell in 2001 came on as a substitute in a match away to Ponings! Hope was my manager for all my England senior career until Nark took over lest year and fortunately enough she selected me back then. I also scored in my first full start. It was a free-rick in a 3-0 win also algainst Portugel, at Portsmouth's Fratton Park if had to pick out other highlights with England so far, I'd go for the first qualifection for the World Cup finals in 2007 - drawing with France in Rennes to make sure we mached the finals.

### I was ready for a new challenge after Everton.

I had eight good years with Everton and loining Everpool in 2012 was perfect. Manager Matt Beard is somebody who puts so much trust with his players. Coming into a different environment with men players and foreign players really helped bring out the best in me and helped me realise.

"As long as I play well for Liverpool I'd love to play on for England"



"Playing in the Champions League will be an important step for us"

what a player I could be. 'Beardie has been fantastic for this club and helped put Liverpool Ladies in the position that water in now.

I'd been trying to win the league for so long. When Katrin Ornarsdottir scored

the second goal in our title-decider against Bristol Academy last season. knew that was it. I won the FA Cup and League Cup with Everton, and I'd come so close to winning the league too but we lost out on post difference to Arsenal Bedry Easton was part of that Everton team too and before the Bristol garne we said to each other this is the pitch that we igst the league on let's not do it again. Becky is one of the best people to have around at our club She's been through different gras of the lackes game, has experienced the lows and a now sampling the highs. To be offered a professional contract at the age of 40 is fantastic. Becky played for Liverpool when things weren I as rosy for the women's game but has contributed towards the position the game is now in. Wish it had happened for the tikes of Gill Coultand. Mariearme Spacey and

> We'll fight to the end to retain our title.

many others loo

Our 1-0 home win against Notts County Ladies on 24 August put us into second

Men



position in the FA WSL and although other teams have games in hand there is pressure on them it's very eight at the top of the table and with teams up there alth played each other points will be lost. Our aim is not to drop a point between now and the end of the session.

### We can't wait to play in the UEFA Women's Champions League.

It will be an important step in the team's development. We have been drawn against the Swedish team. Linkopings in the Round of 32 (the first leg will be played at the Select Security Stadium in Widnes on 8 or 9 October) and it's something the whole squad are really looking forward to I played in the competition with Everton and, at club level. It is the best tournament in world football. This year Birmingham Oily gave a good account of themselves in reaching the semi-finals and showcased our leadue very well. Arsenal Ladies have also done that consistently over the years, it will be a lantastic experience for the girls and at the age of 30 I'm grateful that I can expenence it again.

Midfielder Amanda De Costa's diary returns next month

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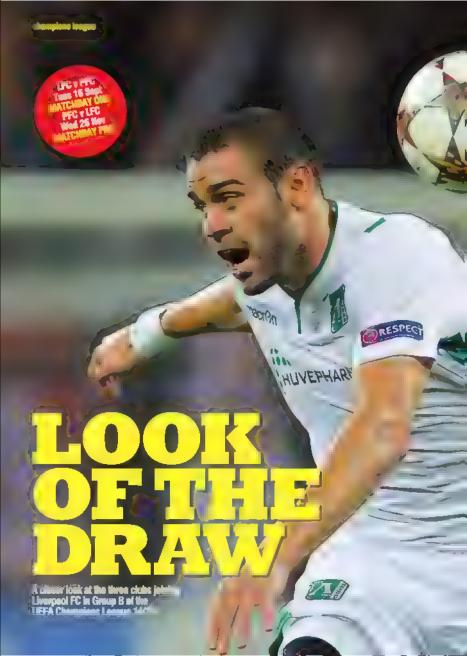
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Quarter-finale: FC Basel 3 Valencia CF 0: Valencia CF 5 FC Basel 0

# New arrivals

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## Head to head 2 draws with LFC

## Honours

17 Swiss Super Leegue 11 Swiss Cup

# Pub bore

Legendary Peruwan striker Teofilo Cubilias played 10 games for FC Basel (sconng three goals) during the 1973/74 sesson.

# Newsflash

Former OPPI. Swansee City and Leicester City boss Paulo Sousa was appointed as FC Basel manager in May after Murat Valon moved to

Spartak Moscow

# One to watch

Central defender Fabiern Schar 22 has sooned three times in eight appearances for the Swiss national team and is expected to be a future captain for FC Baseil





ast season's La Decima trumph more than made an end in the Isappointing domestic campaign in which Real were trumped by neighbours Atletico in La Liga. Once again they ve been busy in the transfer market, soning World Cup polden boot winner James Rodriguez from AS Monaço and German age Toni Kroos from FC Bayern Goalkeeper Keylor Navas, who kept three clean sheets in five games for Costa Rica in the World Cup, will compete with liver Casillas for the not jersey while Angel D) Maria, who excelled in last May s final win over Atletico, has of course moved to Manchester United

## UCL last season

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# New arrivals

Keylor Navas Toni Kroos. James Rodnquez

## Head to head 3 LFC was

## Honours

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# Pub bore

Cristiano Ronaldo, alono with Barcelona's Jonel Messi is lour goals shy of Raul's record of 71 in the Champions Laggue

Zinoxime Zidane, assistant to Carlo Anceloti last year is now coaching Castilla the dub's professionally-run B

team in the third ber of Spanish football

## One to watch

According to PIFA's Castrol Index ranking midfielder Toni Kroos was the World Cup a standout performer with an average score of 9.79.









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# Here are 2014/15's eight groups of four

he 2014/15 UEFA Champions League is the 60th season of Europe's premier dubfootball tournament, and the 23rd since it was renamed from the European Cup to the Champions League. This will be the lirst season where clubs must comply with UEFA Financial Fair Play Regulations in order to participate.

The final will be staged on Saturday 6 June 2015 at Berlin's Olympiastacion, which holds over 74,000. spectators. Opened in 1936 for that year's Olympic Games. it sithe home of Hertha Berlin who were promoted back to the Bundestiga at the end of last season. The venue staged three matches at the 1974 World Cup finals and six more in 2006, including the linar between France and Italy. It's hosted every German Cup final since 1985



# **Reds reaction**

# What Brendan Rodgers thought of the draw and some fascinating UCL facts and figures

ika the lans Brendan Rodgers was delighted for the club to be grouped with Real Madrid CF "That was last season's hard work, what we were working towards - gatting Liverpool back into a competition where we are synonymous. To be back in it again. no matter who we were going to play il was always going to be exciting. But to have Real Madrid in your proup, the champions last season, is special. I'm already thinking of Antield on that night, but there are two other good learns in it along with us. It's a tough group but we'll really look forward to the challenge:

Ebseyhere on Twitter there was this from striker Daniel Sturridge "Saucy little draw we've got there. Let's do the damn ting. And from former defender Jamie Carragher. "Great draw for LEC. decent chance to get though and the septembre for the players of playing against Maclini."

This is Liverpool FC's 21st campaign in Europe's premer tournament 12 in the old European Cup and now nine in the UCL. The fixture at FC Basel on Wednesday 1 October will be LFC's 100th game in the Champions Leadue since it was re-biranded. Matchday one's home fedure with PFC Luddogorets Razgrad should take the total aggregate crowd to have witnessed Champions Lasgue encounters at Artifield beyond the two million-mark. To date 1 970 061 lans have seen UCL garnes at L4

Liverpoor's neaf victory in the composition will be their 100th. The overall EIC records in the four-mathernitis, played 175, won 99, drawn 39, lost 37 goals for 371 goals goards 144. The Reds have Second 39 different learns with the most games coming against Chelsea and PSV Enrichtown, both six.

Redis captain Steven Genard has made 81 appearances in the Champions Jeegue. Iten behind club reappool player has scored more goals in the competition than the scoper, with 28. The closest is former LPC striker Dirk Kingli with 12, then Peter Chauch (11) and Liss Garriag (10).

Only one ax-Red has played a full 90 minutes in a Champion's League limit since 2007 unerpool's last appearance. Javier Mascherano, for Barcelona v Manchester United at Wembley in 2011. Three have appeared as substitutes, Nicolas

Aneka, an edzatime sub lor Chelsea v United in Moscow in 2005 Formando Torres, an 88th minute sub for Chelsea v Bayern Munich in the Bavarian capital in 2012; and Nun Sahin. a 92nd minute sub lor Bonusse Dotmund v Bayern Munich at Wernbley in 2013 Garlier this year Mab Alvanso missad Raal Madhid's win over city neighbours Atleton or Lisbon, while Alvaria Arbetoa was an unissed sub on the benich

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championship trophy had the august alture of Julie Andrews then the European Cup was all Sophia Loren. Its gleaning curves and convex reflections exerting a Graatike pull And three months after the surpress success of Notlingham Forest, who'd ferninated unerpool on their way to winning the lournament, we were suffering without programs.

We had the consoleon of an eleventh English the leading from start to finish over season 1978/79 and amassing a record 89 points under a massing a record 89 points under the old system of two for a win, After a summer in which Pope John Paul II had toursel his Polesh homeland. Warner vs Avamer played at packed conemes and Seve Ballesteros, Vin Richards Bjorn Borg and Bille Jaan King dominated the sporting headlines under polymerating and been hoping for a low-hay retain to European action.

His programme notices for the first round first leg said as much. Tonlight we meet a Russain team jaci. To the first time in Europe, and Diragno Tovias will give us something to think about, here and on their own ground, would be less than honest if I said, wewelf longhi is challenge as being more difficult than the new which came home Forest light season, they don, and they won't come any hander than that less. Built in kill able difficult, mole no mistake (Dinamo) are well into their season and will be at peak shrees.

Palsiey admitted that the Georgians were an unknown quantity. His chief scout the wily Tom Saunders, had





# "In those days a trip behind the Iron Curtain was always a bit of an adventure"

been dispatched to the Eastern Bioc prior to the tie to find out more Having commenced in March, the Soviet season had only two months to run and Dinamo were chasing interpretations of the control of the 16-club Supreme Legopue.

Years later Saunders would recall: A trip behind the Iron Curtain was an adventure. People who couldn't speak a word of English would welcome me. and over a couple of days we would forge a relationship through football In turn it was up to me to look after them when they came over here. When Dinamo's acout anwed I myted him down to the Boot Room and offered him a Guinness. He curckly got the taste for it and by the time got him back to his hotel I needed some assistance to get him out of the car. For a iong time afterwards we exchanged Christmas cards

Black stuff and pleasanthies were set aside before lock of when Dingmo famously warmed up in front of the Spoin Kgo. a gestion unhabited of for a wating baran. The Soviet ambassador was among a modes crowd of 35 000 which expected a muline home win despite the absence through myury of Alan Harses and Ray Kemedy.

Dinamo coached by Nodar Akhalkats and feeturing seven USSR internationals had other ideas. I can still see their swamning white shirts hear the murmurs of award appreciation for their one-louch footbell from Artifield is lemmors. Associations and artiful from the first winstle, they played like the old Brazil. a Sower side with Jain Plan concentrated by a manning methoder carlied David Kiplain. In Russia. The Liverpool matchday programme had warned the reputation is such that he is often accorded the privilege of others, given a personal marker. Not that night to our cost.

Through the worky parallax of hindeight the game is now more of a general impression in my med, but contemporary reports continuities to some footigant had opportunities to some learned by the proof of the proof of learned by the proof of the learned by the learned by the minutes. They were level on the halfhour when fibero Aleksandr Chrivatze surged forward from his own half and collected a return pass from striker Ramas Schengely at to prod the ball past Ray Clemenope.

Schengelsya, at 22 the Sowel player of the year them ressed a chance before Jurning Case driffed a free-lock hard, low and through the jumping Onnamo wall just before half-time after Kerny Daiglish had been upenuted outside the penalty area. The second poinced followed much the same pentern minus any more goals and did latte to reassure the hosts. Liverpool ween buck and ween feet on the second

Gabaliya, disputising that night for Dimamo's lirst-choice goalk-eaper David Goglya: would go on lo males 271 appearances for the dub. Tid joined with Schengelya a couple of years earlier and we'd bleen welcomed by established stars the Iripanii, Chwadze and shiker Valerin's Gussaw. He'd later reflect. The coach Avhalikats devoted his tis to bringing success to Dinamo. The cub was full of wonderful people and swenybody haid one aim. It wouldn't happen overnight but the see







against Liverpool showed that we were climbing to the top. Listening to the first leg on a radio 2,300 miles away was another 12-year-old with pictures of Liverpool. players on his bedroom walt. David Javakhshviti is now consul at the Georgian Embassy in London. He remembers how important Dinamo's display was to a country strving to preserve as identity. The previous year there had been peaceful protests against plans to make Russian the country's official language. Georgia es only a small country but we are very proud and have a rich history. We took to the streets of the capital and solved the problem. In those days Dinamo wasn't only a force in the old Sowet championship, which was a strong league we were the standard-bearers for a whole nation. But a lot of kids. supported English clubs as well, a had pictures of Kenny Daiglish and Steve Heighway on my bedroom wall We heard how well it went in Liverpool but not in our wildest dreams did we believe we'd go through

# "Not in our wildest dreams did we really believe we'd beat Liverpool"

Toliss, with a population just under one million, was sports-mad. The city had had four indoor and six buildoor Olympic-sized pools, almost 400 basketball or volleyball courts. 19 tennis courts, 31 football pitches and five stadiums - the pick of which was the immense Stadion Dinamo recently refurbished to incorporate a continuous upper lier covered by a roof. Another concrete marvet was the new Ministry of Highway Construction Building, completed in 1975, its spectacular raised gnd of interlocking forms was a product of Soviet 'Space City architecture which aimed to create an expenence of psychological corrifor and well-being in the people' In 1976 the people had been decidedly unimpressed by a proposed change in the constitutional status of the indigenous Georgian language so much so that the country's Communist Party chief Eduard Shevarranadze extracted a rare concession from Moscow while Russian would be taught more widely Georgian would remain the state language. A new sprit of nationalism had becur to stir But if Toilisi at the time was a city resolutely delying the Soviet yoka, Liverpool was at low ebb in the supposedly affluent West. As Britain under a new monetarist government slowly recovered from the high inflation and Industrial action of the winter of discontent' (It was an eleven-week strike by technicians that kept the tie's first leg off television. screens) Liverpool let like it was trapped in terminal decline. Once the major transatlantic port of the British Empire, it lay marconed on the wrong side of the country thanks to fundamental shifts in world trade if things seem tough today, revisiting the history books makes for bleak reading in a single decade 350 of its factories had closed or moved elsewhere and 40,000 jobs had been lost. But the football team remained a source of local pride with its python-like original upon the English game, and in the summer of 1979 it became the first in the JK to exploit the commercial potential of shirt soonsorship

Liverpoor always chartered an Aer Linguis short-hous jet for European trips with an amable linth capitaln called Barney Croughar, who would liven up lights with bogus announcements of engine failure or a fish whisky in





# "Tbilisi tans were leaping out of the stands and running to the edge of the pitch"

the cockpit. This time, however the Soviet surhomes institled that the club forsative its familiar BAC One-Elevan for two Aeroffol TU-154B plannes which would take the team. Officials and a small group of infrighed hare (including a hisned of my owlfells who brought back a much-cherished match programme) to Tbillis via Moscow.

a near 5,000-mile round the with gruelling, written all over it. For years to come I were only sold

For years to come Liverpoof's players would recall the entire experience with a peculiarly British and comic. insularity. There were tales of the team being woken in the middle of the right by chanting crowds. nutside their Thiles Indtel and a fuguus. Peter Robinson LFC's old-school club secretary remonstrating in his pyramas with receptionists in the foyer At a champagne-and-caviar reception David Johnson allegedly wandered over to Jimmy Case and warned Don't touch that black jam. If tastes of fish. Overall the place was dismissed as onmilitial safe. bet no one was acquainted with Ivan Avazovsky's delightful painting of Old Toks which shows a warren of whitewashing buildings under a low-almost Levantine sun in the shadow of the Caucasus mountains.

Back on Merseyside around four

gidock on the afternoon of 3 October 1979 like thousands of kids iran home from school in time to catch the second half of the second leg on the ractio. Britain being three hours behind Georgia, it was still goalless at the interval but a hat trick of unnerwingly loud roars from the record 110 000. crowd in the Stadion Dinamo greeted the goals which changed all that. Subsequent TV footage would show Kipani skinning Hansen on the right and crossing for Gutsaev to score at the far post and dangle detriously from the goal helbing, Dinamo centre-back Géorgi Chiláia running fifty yards. before slipping the ball inside for Schengeliva to clip over the onnushing Clemence and finally Chivadze converting from the penalty spot after Gutspey had been touled and a photographer darting into the six-yard box to take close-ups of a crestiation Clem on his kneed

In his autobiography Kenny Dalgish later wrote. Tolles lans were leaping out of the stands, numming to the edge of the pitch. Dinamo played some wonderful forball in the second half which we simply couldn't live with. Once again Juverpool had crashed out of Europe at the first hundle. But if the defeat to Forest had been painful. This was chastering. Stumped against the log wooden music cabinet fhat sat in our living-norm come like a coffur no SBC's faraway commentary now over contemplated another season without first wonderful motify.

After the final whistle we stayed in the stadium for nigerly an hour celebrating. Testys David Jurakhrshmir Twas with my own tather and uncle We were all season-boket holders but that night nobody sail in their usual places. You just budged up on the

long wooder banches, making room for your fellow Georgians to see the match, it poured with rain before lookoff and everybody was worried that the weather would suit the English team But against Liverpool it just dicked

"Kipiani, the playmaker with the silky touch, it's hard to express how we felt about him. And Chilaia dribbing like Messi to set up Schengeliya's goet

that was the first and last time he old something like that, it was an evening when everything lell into place."

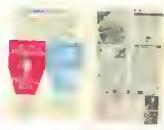
Which is where, for one season at least, the fairy tale ended. In the next round Dinamo lost 6-3 on aggregate to eventual finalists Hamburger SV The story goes that Peter Robinson contacted the German club, for whom Liverpool's old striker Kevin Keegan now played, before the tie to forewarn them about the long trip to Thiis; and any dead-of-night disturbances.

The following season, while Liverpool recovered to claim the European Cup. for a third time. Dinamo struck gold in the Cup Winners Cup. In the final in Dusseldorf they beat East German side Carl Zess Jena 2-1 their goals scored by Gutsaev and midfielder Vitali Darsella, with Kipiani providing the winning assist. To this day they remain only the second former Soviet club (after Dynamo Kyiv of Ukraine) lo

win a European trophy, and in 2011 the players were honoured by their country as Tanights of sports on the 30th anniversary of the greatest-ever victory in the history of Georgian football' Goalkeeper Gabeliya would say "in 1981 each player and all the people in charge did avarything in their power to bring happiness to the Georgian people, and we calebrate 13 May, the day of the final, as we would our own birthdays."

At the following summer's World Cup finals in sunny Spain, Chivadze and Schengeliya, who hold the Dinamo records for most European appearances (40) and most European goals (19) respectively, were in the JSSR team that drew 2-2 with a Scotland side featuring Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness. Missing from the Soviet squad was Kiolani, who di

# "Kipiani, the silky playmaker to express how we felt about him"



suffered a backy broken feo in an exhibition tournament in Madrid Neither he nor Dinemo would be quite the same force again, in September 2001 aged lifty. Kipiani died in a car crash in Georgia. A New York Times obduary hailed a footballer who could play with artistry few men could summon. Had he been born in the West, he would have been a millionaire. Had he been a Russian he would have defected to the lure of offers that came his way. But he was Georgian to the core and understood that the style he could command. the freedom his play suggested, meant so much to countless Georgians who identified with him.





# The kid from the Guadalquivir

It's a fair way from Spain's southern jewel to the shores of the River Mersey in northwest England but Alberto Moreno tells John Hynes he's eager to acclimatise to life at Anfield

ome of Alberto Moreno's attook are more visible than others such as the inling on hat leg that carnes the dates of with a feet carnes the dates of which are hidden to hat legs that carnes the dates of which are hidden to a Mayon brabelet. Others are hidden the life, this training to to reveal writing on his torso and the back of his neck. Among them is the word affort in Greek A spack roll—and this bleek er eveals an upper arm

"Alonso, Reina and Arbeloa told me I can grow a lot here as a player" detailed with more images. A four-leaf dover needs no explanation. Neaf to file is a drawing of the Seville alsyline. Just as the city on the Piver Mersey means so much ty, every Scouser, so the jewel on the Guanaliguth is clearly dose to the Spaniard's heart.

the Spaniand is near. Born and reased in the famous, Born and reased in the famous, Andalusian city. Alberts joined Sevilla as a 13-year cold, From their who shared Antonio Pluefa. In edisfonder whose Antonio Pluefa. In edisfonder who bagically clied affer collapsing on the pictic in 2007, was one of the senior beyars he revend Affer spanding, time operating, at both kelf-borck and as wrigher in the reserves, a flat-barn debut came his way against Athletic Bibbso in 2017.

With all that in mind it's easy to see why he was so emotional at last month's UEFA Super Cup game between Real Machid and Sewila. The tests flowed while he waved goodbye to supportes at Craffi's Milennum Stadium "I am living a strange struction because fin leaving the club of my life. The explaned after the match." I was selvays aware of the livot teams (trying) to reach agreement I mever got into that but Stavilla have understood that uverspool's ofter was good and I am going.

What happened on the pitch (in Carolfil) with the fans will remain former stiched on me and I could not help but mount because I did not expect it. First came the parting with colleagues, then with the larrs — all very complicated.

It was clearly a fall to take in for the 22 year-old. He'd been living his childhood dream, playing for the learn he supported, and performing well. Thoughts of spending the





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rest of his career there must have understandably entered his mind,

Being around his tamity was also a pert of the idylic equation. During numerous interviews while at Sevilla he consistently mentioned the role his parents played in helping him to become a boilballer.

There is also his brother Diego. Despire being a fan of city mals Real Betis, he was regularly spotted at games supporting his stibling They have some matching tattoos to signify the bond between us. Alberto

says Their close relationship was also demonstrated when Alberta recorded his first senior goal and ammediately looked towards

"It's not long since I broke into Sevilla's team, I still have a lot to learn"

Street speem boy head (buydle star (being) al jubilant Diego in the stands. So leaving all of that behind can't have been an easy decision. Yet the fure of Liverpoof's pulsating football under Brendan Rodgers must have made it easer. "Liverpool are a great team." Moreno acknowledges.

The deal took some time to complete, so Alberto did his research by conflacing several of unerpool is former players from Spain. It spoke with Xab Alonso, Pepe Rama and Avaro Arbeloa. The word from the timo 702 LFC appearances.

between them, was overwhelmingly positive. They told me this is a spectacular olub whose tans follow if in a very special

way They all told me can grow a lot here as a lootballer.
There was also another source for consult. Luis Alberto, The

midfielder jorned Liverpool from Sevilla in the summer of 2013 and

the nain

had been young team-matest there The message was smiller to what Moreno had already heard "Luis said the city has its own special way of lollowing forbula and people are very respectful. He said it's incredible when you go out on the prich at Artifield as the fairs are very supportive and they will always be betruct me. They all fold me It'd feel Tappy here:

Others with 'Sevilla innice could also offer an insight on the English game such as the Manchester-based pair David de Gee and Alvaro Negrecia There was no need to consulf anyone else. Moreno was sold: 'I haven't spoken to them (De Gea and Nagrada) as yet but 'm sure we'll get a chance to do so in my view Liverpool is the best orbin in England and i couldn't waste an opportunity to come and play for them. Apart from being a grad dub historically. (Know people here see looted in a unque way

Alt of this has happened at quife a pace. As he points out: "I was promoted to the "Sevilla" list learn only a year-and-a-half ago. Innow that's not a long time and I still have a lot to tearn and improve a

Alberto's pedigree and potential is clear a European Under-21 medal following Spain's success in the



lournament last year offers evidence of that. During their triumph in israel

It concluded with a 4-2 win over an Italy side including Fabro Bornin in the final. Moreno lined up with De Gea, Bayern Munich's Thiago Alcantara. Barcelona's Cristian Tollo, (on Italian 2) Porto) and Real Madrid's Isco.

His performances for both that multiislanted team and Sevilla were enough to seam him a call up to the semon nasonal side in October of test year as the Spanich completed their World Cup qualifying campaign with a 2-0 home victory over Georgia. Manager Voerrat del Bosque also included him as part of the 30-man equad prior to travelling to Brazil, although when it was later reduced to 23 he jast missed out. Jord Alba - a pisyer he says he looks up to and Cesar Azpilicueta got the left-back berths

# "For such a young player his tactical awareness is really excellent"

Younger than that duo. Moreno innoves success at Juverpool bould help him move up the pedeling profer And, according to writer Heath Chesters of the velosite inside Spanish Football, our new defender definitely possessess the talent. "For such a young player his tactical and positional awareness is excellent. Watching that side of his game is like watching a player with a lid more toperande under his bet.



Alberto in locking forward in Euro nights: "Sevilla, under manager unai Emery have mooth played is obunter-attacking genre, which often saw Moracy getting forward on the averlap to assist moves. He was always consocus of his delensive responsibility however getting back hito position quickly and efficently.

Such qualities suggest he can and will slick into the Berackan Prodges way of playing. And his powerful build should help him deal with the ultracompetitive nature of English football if anything, it might such time even more than the La Jiga environment in which he's crown us.

He're collected a flew yellow cards and one red "Chesters points out. This is due to the physical nature of his some care, make then being rash in challenges. One feas to beer in mind that in England he probably won't collect as many cards as referees are more permissive of storing, physical challenges than in Soam.

Administracy to both a new sylve of football and different way of file is never easy but Alberto is taking it in his stride. "I haven't really faced too many difficulties so far." In easys "So I don't think about anything like that. I'm enjoying myself and would rather fixely oning that way."

# 1492 AND ALL THAT



Like Liverpool, only about three centuries earlier Seville was a European goteway to the New World, Both cities have famous tobacco buildings. Seville si factory was the setting for the opers. Carmen and is now part of the university: Liverpool's werehouse is reputedly the world's largest brick building and stands opposite a new hotel at Stanley Dock, Christopher Columbus set sail from Seville. so it's no wonder the city has so many monuments to him. But THE RESERVE AND PERSONS NAMED IN Palm House is the only one of its IN PARTY AND RESIDENCE appears on a building opposits LFC's offices on Chapel Street.



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atching thm use a welling stock to man occurrent to the consecution occurrent to the econesist.

In his playing days, Indeed, he was a in farcely competitive left-back and he in alternative life would arrely trays that the physique and tectical aporting release a sea arrestour house.

what to compete as an amateur bown.
Meding his paidley patterned flet capared hassy whiter cost onto a woodlerstall hassy whiter his into what woodlershing the property and presents much "that traphy score" and presents much with cast of receiving photographs that it.

"i'm the only one still here -I feel very fortunate to have been part of it" magnetia-coloured wall. It includes his four closest friends in football, life Shankty, Bob Palaley, Joe Pagari, and Reuben Bennett.

"Every moving I wake up and all holding at the coverof," he area. Ignity, it is a large. Ignity, it is a large, it is a large,

Although Horen had almostly served in Liverpool across stress clanacies tryl in start of the BOs. I decided to intender, him bacause he is the only peecon stall allow with genaine install knowledge. That can esteribute towards esplaining; why the older austerined in culture of success for so long, and the mind-enibalind the stell first halped orate. "

After just a few minutes speaking to Morar, you quickly series the base qualities in an individual that when placed in a collective, hispassigness Uverpool great. His toyally those he shared the Boot Plean with its admirable. His uncompromising









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attitude towards contribment is also evident. "Football is about character see." he skyl, directing a stem finger in my direction. "The minimum you can ask is to give your best. With that and with the right people around you, you've got a chance.

[Ronnie recalls his early years as a player at Antield, then the arrival of Bill Shankly as manager in 1959] In the seven years since Moran's debut, Leverpoot had languished in the Second Division for live oil them with hmited says of progression.

"But savied the crist. Moran beams "After the first day of training under him. Innew he was going to be a success. He insisted on playing in the five-a-sides. He insisted on playing in the five-a-sides. He insisted on playing in the bosing team. All first, the players thought if was furny because he got so wound up. But after a white, we dosperately warded to beat him too Traite games ended up as Mexican stand-oils because nobody Bead losing. Straffes would go round locking the young lasts. He at do anything to w. It nobed off on a veryone".

Shankly surrounded himself with a staff that shared a similar mentarity towards detect. Both Pasiality Reuben Bennett, Joe Fagain and eventually Moran himself would from the staff team. It institled a simple culture of winning at football matches.

"You saw Rouben he was a goaffeeper and in his 50s. But he'd take part in the pre-season and never linear outside the top 10 in the sprints. Joe was that way as well. I was always a bit porty but, could shift as well and 8til recognised that. He linear my -



# "Bill saved the club after the first day I knew he'd be a success"

attitude was right. He knew that I wouldn't accept losing pasity.

In 1986, after 343 games for Liverpoor. Moral pined the coaching staff and continued pleying in Fagan's reserve team for a further two years helping the club a younger players the admits that he was sometimes harsh," on his subjects.

It enjoyed it. I was a lough player and reacted well to discipline, was on the staff for a reason. Everybody was different and I brought the discipline. Players need to be kept on their

loss. In my first few years as a player Liverpool were relegated. A few years before that, the club was top of the league and won the Champsonship. If you settle and think everything is okey you can get into trouble. Even during my playing days, Tid do estra training on the field near where lived after getting home from Mekwood It used to drive the wife med but if was what I had to do I'd by and be different from the fly-by-nights that came in and didn't do the side work When was the coach I asked for the same of the lads.

Till dight bother me who they were, I'tl dight bother me who they weren't how much they'd won. If they weren't hing as they should be, I'd let them know. Them was one player - I won! tell you his rame but he was an international defender and he was making dangerous passes out of delence. It was putting us under pressurs. I stold him in no uncertain terms that he needed to learn how to get rid at certain times. We wanted the team to keep the possession but not if it meant conceding a goal I shoulded at the fad for weeks until he stooped drong it.

I'd bump into a lot of players that noved essewhere and they drome up to me and say. "Romes, you were tough with us. I wish it dispensed because I'm getting chased out of my journall, dub for not working hard enough." There was a lot like that even from Bir's day.

Moran says his direct approach he would entertain opposing coaches and managers in the Boot Room in a beguiling manner altempting to accrue information about their teams for future reference. But during games Moran's voice was heard budde than anyone else in the dugout, it there was a problem, he would attempt to sort it.

You couldn't do it now because the area or array cameras around Amfeld," he says. "Every argument would be picked up on. But back then, there was a lot of activity between both benches, it's furnly now when



## ronnie moran.

I hear people talk about mind games because we were the first to do that. There was nothing malicious about it but you'd try and get whatever edge you could over the opposition

That stretched to the bonch too I namember arguing many times with Allex Ferguson when he became manager of United in the 80s. like Fergusons he's a flootball man and there needs to be more of them But when he first started at United, we'd be betweing all the way through games. It must have been the Celbe blood in us. We were two bendies made up of Scots, listh and Weishmen There was bound to be a bit of conflict. Fergie give as good as he got. All can say is, didn't teach har any awas words."

Throughout this interview. Moran speaks about Ferguson with review on Despus the enduring annity between uverpool and the club filed Ferguson represents, his continuously emphasises the idea that United have scaled the Heights by following smilar prinoples to those once held at uverpool

"You don't have to be a genius to reakse that if you repeat something, you get better at it," Moran continues. We of tell the players to try and pasts to the nearest redishint in space. If that didn't happen, it was the nearest red shirt even if he was marked. And if that wasn't possible look for something else. This wasn't rookel science. Over the years, the lads gol to know the drill And because there were five or so; of us on the staff that thought the same way, when Bill retired, it passed to Bob and the same from Bob to Joe and Joe to Kenny Not much would change. It. made it easier for the stall and easier for the players."

There was a commonly-held belief about the style of football uverpool should the style of football uverpool should the yand execute. But them was no dogma. Liverpool could disapt accordingly when they needed to "had's why they were considered the most streetwise team or Europe "With football, it's all about getting the balance right between the team and the individual" You need to have a team where the individual can express himself. You need the lever ones the ones with it up there. But you also need the choice you's work".

Fundamientally, though, one character trait linked all of Liverpool s players. "They mustin' like loaning. Moran insists, not for the first time "You can't have someone that comes up with excusses like injuries, either After that, your hack to liver playining. I timev a few even back them that didn't care what was going on. They didn't last long. You had to really care, like anything in like. If you care, you by harder and do better."



Moran retired from Liverpool in 1998 following 46 consecutive years with each but furth incentify. He would spin the cubb Unit insensity, he would spind Tuesdays and Fridays at Melwood, walking around the parimeter of the training path for his morning constitutional on the entitation of former palyer and essistent menager Sammy, Lee. "I'd never look at what was going on," his says. "It wouldn't be right noong into someone elses it business.

With that, it really dawns how privacy was arguably uverpool's greatest strength Morain has a knack of telling

# "It didn't matter who they were - if they weren't trying I let them know"

you something interesting but not the interesting thing you healty want to innow. At his age, the mind searches for an answer that sometimes it cannot often Yet I am also convinced that this is a bacic indoctinated into him. not to revise too much at the end of our conversation, when I ve stopped making notice in epicaces his hand on my shoulder and days with an emphasis. If haven't let too much slip there have I've.

Moran informs me that he has been offered book deals before "to tell stones about fights and girls. But he

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did not feet comfortable comptying with the idea. "I stooped after that was suggested. The explains

In keeping with Boot Room traditions, Moran never sought the feminist above his colleagues or the Isaam It was the uverpool Way to deal with any problems internally. We were no different to Manchester United. he says. "You see Ferge, he didn't let many leads out did he?"

Like those that supposedly protected the Ark of the Covenant. Moran will take many of Liverpool's most intrivate secrets to his place of rest. But Jeave him believing that parhaps it was Liverpool's simplicity that outsiders found most complex.

"Them lot there he says, powting again at the photograph from the beginning of our meeting. They didn't want to lose. Thei's what tootball boils down to "

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# Academy ace Ryan McLaughin and elder sibling Conor talk football – real and virtual – with Simon Hughes







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ards from Morthern Ireland don't give out praise to one another." Conor McLauchin says when asked about the sporting qualities of his younger brother Ryan "Conor's usually very uncomfortable anyway in these situations. Ryan replies. Tadking, I mean

The verbal sparring goes back and forth. This interview is punctuated with the joind of put-downs you alexpect between brothers who spend their days inside drassing rooms filled with professional footballers, places where the culture of one-upmanship is as natural as breathing.

For photographic purposes, Ryani and Conor engage in a contest on a well-known football-themed computer came va an equally well-known game console at their apartment in Everpool's city-centre. Ryan takes the lead before Conor eventually prevails. with the larmer claiming it was his aim. to entertain the crowd rather than to win Conoris anti-football," he claims when the final whistle is blown and the sopreline three-to-two but onlin his layour Conor just sits there smiling. Briefly there is silence

The magazine has brought the pair together because in May. Ryan. became the first uverpool player to represent Northern Ireland in 78 years.

"We've always been like this - you've got to be quick-witted to survive"



The last was the legendary Elisha Scott, a keeper whose career at Anlield: scanned three decades and 458 games. During a post-season tour of South America, Ryan earned his first cap against Uruguay as a secondhalf sub. Five days later versus Chile in Santiago he was selected in the starting XI alongside Conor, who'd arrived late on the trip having helped Fleetwood Town to promotion from League Two via the play-offs.

Ryan, aged 19, is the younger by three echool years. Conor made he international debut in 2011 when fally were the opponents in a qualifier for the European Championships the following year. Both are right-backs. although Conor has played centrally for Fleetwood. Let me see, who was playing for Italy that night. "Conor

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tries to remember before fooling across the room directly at Ryan Bullon Pirlo, Cassano, "He pauses. "The calibre wasn't too bad was it?" Again Plyan responds, citing that his own armal came against the South American champions before a man-of-the-match performance against Chile. 'Rivan says the score was nil-nil when he went off with 15 minutes or so to go," Conor reasons, "But think it had more to do with Alexas Sanchez coming on at the same time."

We've been like this since we were lods." Flyan continues "It has been good preparation because if you're going to survive at a football club, you have to be quick-minded. You have to be able to take the stick and give it back too. It builds up your character

After playing together for Northern Ireland, the reaction back home was typically humbling. Parents Colm and Mays were invardly proud Friends said little. "We've got the same group. of males and they give us stock about it it's always been the way " adds Ryan, "I remember coming back from the pre-season tour with Liverpool a few years ago where i'd marked Francesco Totti, I was buzzing, But all the lade old was give me stick. It's great, it keeps you grounded. The only thing they ask is, who played better? Naturally. I'd say if was me and Condr would say it was him."

Since childhood, the only time Ryan and Conor had appeared in the same learn together was for Northern Ireland's Under-21 side two years. ago. Both admit they did not believe if would happen again. Shortly after Conor was released by Preston North End tollowing an injury and he soon signed for Fleetwood, then in the fourth her of English lootball. Now they are the second set of brothers in



# don mune:











Northern Ineland's self-up: competing with Johnny and Corey Evans of Manchester United and Blackhum Rovers respectively "Me"re both delighted to be playing because it is a sign that we're both doing oldey in our careers." Ryan eays: "But in terms of the playing begether, we don't see it as a big deal. At the end of the day you have to play wet and help the team. That is the most important thoug.

Growing up in the wast and of Belfast. Conor-remembers Ryan warning to test himself, playing football with older boys. Who if first school and get dragged in at 10 pm. It was competitive with loads of lasts taking part. We duse two gates at either and of the street and have a big match.

Gasic football played in school, was another sport. "You have to seam to dodge the teckes and release possession quickly." Ryan says. "Otherwise you're going to gir a whack. The same skills apply in football so it benefited me in the long run. I also third hurling until the age of 33 when I got absolutely flattened one day tendeded out. I've naver played since because I dight warf it to stop me playing football."

The McLaughins tollowed the same path as David Healy (Northern Ireland's record goalscorer). Aaron Hughes and Johnny Evans in representing their county team Antrim and presticious. boys club Lisburn Youth before English dubs came calling. Conor had moved anto unfield ahead of being asked to that with Preston in 2008. while Pivan was initially spotted by a uverpool scoul, playing in the Milk Cup. for Antrim. "It was my first experience of being a real footballer, being put up. in a hotel, training every day making sure you recover properly in between games, it was the best week of my ide. We played Everton and lost 3-2. Ross Barkley was in their side

Pyan discided to join Dvergoot aftead of Manchester City but only after he'd corrupted his GCSEs. By then, he was also playing for Glerawor. If was a real nome-blord all the time and was a his scared about moving away also wanted to make sure there was something to fail back on it ill went words. So I carried on at school and got an A, four Bs and five Cs.

Defore setting permanently on Mersoyade Ryan traveled to LFC's academy in Kirkby frequently, training with other young players at weakends. At list I clich't say a word to arryone Everybody side seemed so confident and then there was me. Phil Roscoe the head of education and welfare!

# "In Gaelic football we learned to dodge the tackles or get a whack"

says he's never seen a transformation as rapid. Howe it here now and the family is diver here all the time."

Ryan has since represented the Reds at every level, beginning this compagn by scoring the J21s winning goal at Sunderland. He finished test season on loan at Barrisley in the Championship.

"Evan though we got nelogated, it was invaluable. You really learn what three points means because you can see the reaction of the crowd in the stedium. You can hear the people cheer when you do something right, and equally the grears when you do something mong, it's about reaching to all of that in the right way. Hopefully lits aomething in the print way. Hopefully lits aomething in the print way.



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a variety of different areas. Yim very
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as as a coach and I really enjoyed
being in charge of the Lindex-21s
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less season, his expans, This new title means that although won't be manager of the 15s, Ill stall be working with them plus the J19s and as the other page-groups right clown to the very youngest players. For example, I went with the U.S to the Other Cup in Holland [an annual hisindly youth lournament] to work with Med inchalled in paging as servery with the Ortholiey ingist go somewhere.

else with the U21s or J18s His responsibilities don't end there. "Part of the rob is to be on hand for the coaches as well. We have a lot of telented guys. working with our learns and I try to mentor them. I'll also be helping. with recruitment of players. The Academy is a fantastic environment but we felt it needed some updating and the recent changes infrastructure are part of that. Being director obviously means busy days but it's a vary enjoyable iob and i'm fortunate to have an understanding wife and family."

When identifying youngsters who might play at the highest level at some point is not an essy task inglethorpe says it's not just about ability. "We want independent kee-thinking players that can adapt so they get older. For me the most interesting aspect of the first team going so close to winning the title. last seeson was the lact that they used so or maybe seven different formations. We recognise the skile of that team is not necessarily wrapped around one formation or way of playing, so we have to produce lotvers who can be feoble.

"As well as that, they have to be players who can perform in the style of the out.) That means they have to try to have more of the bad than the opposition be creative, altack and provide entertainment. That's what seconds are controlled in the controlled or other so.

Progressing up through the ranks to the first team is a huge challenge for any youngster at a Barcays Premier beague club. In a lot of cases they samply don't got the opportunity to

# "We really want free thinkers who can perform in the style of the club"

impress at senior level

Inglothorpe faels that en't the shadon at Juvepod. If think if you are one of our young pleyers there a more than a glenner of hope that you till get a chance just the lies barn! These are lads such as Raheem Sterfing and Jon Brangan who have done it afreedly. There's also Joac Tessers who spent some veeks training at Melwood affecting the made has debut away at Fulliam Brad Shrish also appeared as a sub-away at Chelsan. So those land of



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Six key figures talk exclusively about the recent exciting changes at Kirkby

# **NICK MARSHALL: HEAD OF ACADEMY FOOTBALL OPERATIONS**

Gas a assessmal case a assessmal experience in youth obeching and joins the club after is year working as a coach mentor with the FA He was exadenry manager at Motrocham Forest for 14 years, helping produces referreditionals such as Michael Dayson dermane Jerica and Andy Reid Hais a slab worked at Barnstey and Jeads United

If had spent 20 years in club contails and wash i booking to feave the EA but you don't furn down this club." The says: "My role will be to club." The says: "My role will be to assist Alex and the staff, particularly seross our coaching, We want to make aure that the theories and principles of the first-team manager are put, into practice and noted out across all the says groups.

It's more about the principles of what makes Liverpool. Liverpool rather than particular formations or systems. It's producing players who can fit into that and work out the answers to problems themselves

"I won't be taking a team as we have very good coaches here already. "In here to help them: Like Alex: I want to have a wider view of everything.

Nick will also help supplement the feture schedule across all age-groups "don't think a games programma provided by an outside source as ever going to ideally suit the needs of an individual club. One of my jobs is to make sure we supplement the games programme with another one to make sure that our players get the best, possible deportunities to morrees:

Alser has always been keen on tournaments being a big part of what we do and that's the way! Neet too Going away to tournaments or playing in one-off games against opposition where it means sometimal, you can't stress how important that is for playing tong-term development, perincularly if they re going to be playing for a chub that is hopefully challenging in the Champione, segule each year."



examples prove the manager is willing to give young lads a chance, even in important games

The fect that Brendan Rodgers spent line carry part of his coaching career working in youth development and both Reading and Chelsee is a major latter in how he treats young players. Ingliet prope believes. "His not just Brenden." There's side Colin Pascoe Mike Marsh and John Achterberg who have all been involved in developmental brothet is only have a great understanding of what we are trying I do in That's definitely. not the case all every club it's hugely encouraging ist the first team stall know the name of all of the young lads and are very aveze of how they are progressing and what they need to do to improve To know that the players will get a chance of they are good enough is a great motivation.

Producing players who can add something to a squad that accumulated 84 points and scored over a century of goals on the way to finishing second in 2013/14 is quite a challenge. "Delinitaly." Inglethorpe agrees.
"But what a great challenge to have.
The way the first tuern play is superb and their's the way we want all of our sides to perform. The type of lootball they regularly produce is what our vision and philosophy is all about.

"Part of my job is to make sure that philosophy is implemented in every age-group We also look at how the list team have, strough coaching, developed and improved the players in the squad over the last few years Again, that's something we always want to do.

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### MICHAEL REALE: UNDER-21S COACH

rchael replaces Alex Inglethorpe as Under-21 boss after two years with the Under-15s/16s. There, his facus was to find scholarships at Liverpool or elsewhere for youngsters upon. leaving school, something which often saw him lalung on seven-day weeks as he combined his role with a coaching

posizon alongiside his predecessor The hard fabour has reaped its rewards though, as he explains. In the last two years we've managed to get every boy who didn't get a scholarship al Liverpool one elsewhere. It's a fantastic achievement for any kid. leaving school. One thing, im massive with is the after-care of our players. People talk about a football club being: a family but believe uverpool can actually lay claim to it."

Phor to coaching, the Londoner had a binef playing career with Charlion Althietic. Then after spells in the United States and at Rushden & Diamonds he was handed a part-time coaching. role with Chelsea's Under-65

He spent 10 years with the Blues. going full-time in 2006, and worked his way up to J14s level before moving to Merseyside in August 2012. He struck up a fine working relationship.

with Brendan Rodgers at Stamford Bridge, but the Ulsterman had little to do with Michael's move north, "It was Apprincipance that I came to Jiverpool and Brendan was the manager I was a huge Kenry Dalglish fan es a kid, and the opportunity to come when he was manager was lantastic. That summer he lost his tob and I was thinlengright no. But Bre-idan got it and it was a lovely coincidence

Michael adds. Tim in regular contact with Brendan, (Mike) Marshie John Achterberg and Colin Pasope because they come down to see us. They know all the players names and that's a big asset, it gives the boys hope

"Our job is to get the boys good. enough to do what Raheem and Flance did last year which is make a huge empaction the first team. Our team is primarily Under 19 and therefore we're lucky enough to have the diffs. Champions League as well this season. We don't want the programme to be driven by games, we want it to be driven by development.

50me of those U19s will feature in Beatle's squads this season, with the more expenenced second/thirdyear scholars encouraged to gather first-team expenence on loan. Rafael. Paez, Joan Texters and Brad Smith are current examples of that policy.



### PEP LIJNDERS: UNDER-16S COACH



the Reds after gaining plenty of вирененов могкина at PSV Eindhoven and FC Porto. He moved into coaching

utchman Pap joins

as a teenager after a senous knee rigury ended his hopes of a top-light playing career

I spent the last seven years at FC Porto as director of individualplayer development, he says, 1 worked with all age-groups from the Hitle ones through to the second team. If was hard to step away from FC Porto but there were three factors in my decision this is the right club, the nght moment and I will be working alongside the right people

"It is the right dub because there are not many others in Europe who have a brooer tracilion and history than the likes of FC Porto but Liverpoolis certainly one of them

"It is the right moment because with the ideas of the first-team manager Brendan Rodgers I believe that we have exciting times ahead

"And are convinced we have the

right people here. Once we started discussions. Self that with Alex Nick Critch (Under 18s peach Neil Dritchley) and others we don't only have too coaches, we have too people who think about the long-term not just the here and now

Pep is eager to get started is his new role im excited about the challenge of working with the Under-16s and honoured that I can represent the colours and the tradition of this creal feetball dub

This is a big challenge for all of us here at the Academy to create a new beneration of Liverpool players who can not only play in our first team but. wir prizes with our first team."

"We want to create a new generation of top Liverpool players"

### MICHAEL YATES: HEAD OF UNDER-6S TO UNDER-9S



ichael's association with Everpool began as an eight-year old when he was

asked by scouts to train with the club at sessions held in Leherland High School's gymnasium

"There were two sites tack then he recals." Staven Genard. Jame Caraginer and Michael Owen were based at the Vernor Sangster playing fictic which. used to be situated read to Antiold. During the summer holidays we'd be allowed into Melwood and all train there. It was a brilliant here.

Yalas was released by Liverpool aged 18 but relatined to the professional game within 18 months with Dundee in the Scottish Premier cague following a productive goalscoring spell of Burspough He became a coach in 2001 and under the guidance of Steve Heighthray hipped develop Jiverpoof's players also between 10 and 13.

After four years as a programme manager for the LFC international Academy. He was appointed in his new role earlier this summer. He has now been involved at Liverpool FC for 23 years. It can remember all the things, was told as a kird - important lessons in life. Just the basics like zipping your track-sud up and making. sure your boots are clean. They stay with you forever if you play for uvurpool you should always look smart and act in a way that reflects

Yales considers a important that the children under his guidance develop not just skills but their understanding of uverpool FCs history. "When the locks are as young as they are, its about the experience." having fun, as well as teaching them the highlithings on and off the pitch. It's about giving them values and introducing to them how special the lookal dub is. Once they realise that, I don't see why they'd go showhere size.

He is expted by what is happening at uverpool currently. There is a clear pathway between the age-groups. Every coach at Liverpool is working towards the serine goal. Ultimately that meens providing footballers for the law fixed.

"At this age it's about having fun and learning the right things"

### ANDREW POWLESLAND: HEAD OF ACADEMY BUSINESS OPERATIONS



former professional basketbali playar and coach Andrew has joined uverpool FC from London

South Bank University where he was director of sport

He will ensure the Academy runs efficiently and will be responsible for facilities and operations, including coordinating support services such

resources and administration live had guite a bit of senior

experience in education but it's always been with a sporting facus he explains. "I know what it's like to

"My role is to help support what we do on the pitch at the Academy"

be a professional sportsman having played besketball for Crystal Palece. Derby and Plymouth Raiders and Thave also coached at a high level leading Broton Topcats to National Cubi rectory in 20101

"Nee also conched the England Universities representative team so thank part of my recruitment to that role is my stability to combone my educational stand business experience with an ability to speak to coachies, sports scientifics, strength-and conditioning coachies and bring things tocether.

Ny role is to support what we do on the pitch. I will be looking at the way we do things and provide is management oversight of the infrastructure that supports that, tooking all possible future tability-builds and is on.

The Academy is a big operation with a great loodballing heart and does it is plo admirably well. but we have to think of the future too and how we want to help support the numbers coming through here in the years ahead."





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### How my own loan move led to the greatest football night of my career

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S you will read in [new Under-21s coach) Michael Beele's interview elsewhere in this issue of the macazine. there is an aim this season. to find the right loan move for the club's second and third-year scholars al the academy

This is really significant as it proves Liverpool are keen to develop individuals rather than teams, in the short term if morni be at the expense of match results but in the long-term it will improve the standard of the players being produced at senior level

I trave mentioned before in this pokume that finding the light type of loan move is crucial to a player's development. Six months before I scored a goal and provided an assist in that famous encounter with Olympiacos in the Champions League group stages, was knocking about on the substitutes bench at Champiovishin level

I played 21 times for West Ham Before joining them for the 2003/04 season, envisaged playing more There were other valuable lessons learnfur the loant though. At academy level you are cossetted from the realities of professional football to a certain extent because you don't really teel the value of three points what it really means to the club's fans. the manager the staff and the whole squad. If helps you grow up both on and off the pilch, even diyou aren I starting every game.

That expenence certainly helped me in the campaign that followed it was a remarkable period was in and out of the bears but had moments that I will carry for the rest of my life. On 23 November I started in the team that iost in AS Monaco a result that left us on the verge of elimination from the Champions League Five days later

"Just six months before that goal I was on the subs bench at West Ham"



I scored an injury-time winner against the champions Arsenal from 30 yards in front of the Kop. Within two weeks Olympiacos happened. There were so many ups and downs in a short period.

That's what football's about Supporters might think that because the Arsenal goal won the match and a lot of the locus afterwards was on me remember it with greater fondness. Yet Olympiacos was better Every Ewerpool fan who is old enough. remembers where he or site was when David Fairckough scored the winner against Saint Etienne in 1977 The same applies to the youngar generation where Olympiacos is concerned.

What happened before Steven Gerrard's strike is a bit of a plur Rivaldo scored to give them the lead in the first half. After Florent Smarra-Pondolle scrambled in our first just after the break Rafa Benitez introduced me with 12 minutes remaining. It left the the final roll of the dice Within two minutes -d forced. one over the line imbaning we needed Just one more goal to seal progression. It still felt unlikely

Half Maffer scores y (Marquiecas pome on

I think Jamve Carragher horsted a pass forward and could see Stevie rushing forward from deep 1 thed: my best to touch it onto his path and seconds rater the ball was nesting in the back of the net

Ewarded to join in the celebrations but Steve's momentum from the shall took him charging towards the Kop. Eventually managed to catch up with him. The atmosphere was the best ive been involved in The roar was dealening, couldn hear what other people were telling me from a few yards away I remember those seconds clearly always will do We were through

This season should provide the opportunity for the players to make lasting memones of their own in the Champions League Having been out of the competition for a while and with a young squad, a lot of people have dismissed Liverpool chances of doing well

Ther again similar comments were made about the class of 2004/05. And look where that ended.

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# Shankly Sankly Sankly Clan

Sill Shankly played for Liverpool as a wartime quest but wasn't his

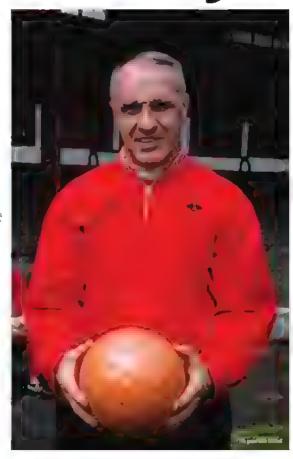
We have status detailing Victor playing in you'ld matches between 1959:59 and 1960:51," says Jorny Stokkoland of the Liverpool FC Official Archives. "He would've trained with players like Tonnry Lawrence, Ian Callaghan, Tonnry Smith and Roger Hunt."

Victor Gill was born at the Royal Liverpool Infirmary at the height of the Second World War or 7 August, 1943. His tamily had served in Liverpool from Cork in southern Ireland and settled in Norns Green then a council house on the newly-built Cartisl Farm estate in 1947.

"I moved to Cantril Farm County Primary School in Mab Larie and It was here that my love of football was born." he says. "When I was old enough to be considered for the school learn was soon made captain scored lots of goals and wa won the league."

Vic moved to Old Swan Seicondary. Technical School where the game consumed him: would think about playing at Antield. One time our English teecher asked us to write an essay on what we wanted to be when we fell school Other lack wrote about being engineers, scientists, chaughtmen, architects but I wrote about being a professional footballer playing in front of thousands every week, scoring the winning goal in the FA Cup final, playing for England and earning 520 per week?

"When I first joined LFC I even tried tried to walk like Billy Liddell!"





His skills saw him selected for the Liverpool Schoolboys team and he scored more than 80 peals in a season. for the Boys Brigade, in early 1967 100 100 100

"I received a letter mything me to do for trials to Liverpoot FC. had received other offers of trads from Evertors Oldham, Bolton and Preston, but there was only one club for me. Itumed up. at Melwood a very nervous boy. There were about 100 boys there impetly older and bigger than me. After about 10 minutes the nerves had gone and I was really enjoying it as I knew I was playing well. I still get little Bashbacks. of the game today

"As we left the pitch Bob Paisley asked me il I would like to sign. He explained that I would be the second. youngest player ever to sign for Liverpool, the youngest being Ray Lambert. After all those years going to Arrifeld to watch my heroes playing, I was now part of the same club Leven tried to walk like Billy Luddelli

The Reds were then in the Second Division and the jumor teams were overseen by Tom Bush, "In 1959 Phil Taylor left as manager and one evening I was in the tollets at Melwood when this guy with training kit slood need to me. I thought blinney they're signing some old players. In a broad Scottish accent he asked how old I was. We want out onto the citch together and did a few taps chatting away and he seemed quite a nice bloke. Eli Wass, the groundsman, told ms: That's the new boss. Bill Shankly "The lollowing week we were playing

a midweek match at Blackpool In the team that night were Torrimy Lawrence. Tommy Smith, ian Callachan, Willie Carlin, Frank Twist. White we were changing, Tom Bush said: The new boss is coming to watch and he's going to say a few words before you go but! This was

"A girl watched us playing tennis - her name was Barbara Shankly"

cuite a surprise because in the previous two years we'd rarely seen. Phil Taylor or sooken to him. Bill Shanidy came in and said. 'Ok fads keep it simple and pass to a red shirt We did and yor 3-21

However as Vic got older he took a shine to the city's music scene and developed air interest in the opposite sex. After leaving school he worked as an apprentice fitter near uverpool Arport, 1 would sometimes turn up for a game not having sleet all night. The coaches noticed that I wasn't playing my usual game and then my name dsappeared from the team sheets

During the summer of 1962 I wailed in vain for a letter telling me to report for pre-season training, it was all over for me at Liverpool. started the next sesson with Winsford United floated around non-league for a few years and earned a few bob on top of my wages When I look back now I wish I'd had the dedication and self-discipline to take the chance that was offered to met all Livercoool "

Little did he know 4 but Vic would still have more encounters with Bill Shankly - as his son-in-law! "I had a particular mails during my time at Everpool called Bobby Oldham who lived next door to Everton's training. ground in Bellefield Avenue, where the Shankly family also lived. Bobby and would occasionally play head tennis in the entrance to Beliefield and sometimes this young oil would come biot edd bos betterb ew rotew bos us her name was Barbara Shankly

I met her again et a club in West Derby Village and we would have a dance and a coffee and sometimes. I would walk her home. By the time I was 21 and Barbara 18, our relationship was very senous. I asked her to marry me. Mr and Mrs Shankly gave their approval and a date was set for summer 1965

Before the wedding Vic had occasion to fear the full force of Bit sure. "In Decamber 1984, went to the house and Mrs Shankly told me Barbara was prepriant. Liverpool had a game at Stoke the following day so Mr Shankly wasn't there. I turned up at the Shankly home the next evening not knowing what to expect. After the meet Mrs. Sharildy broke the news and there was an ominous silence. He packed up and down and I was waking for a punch. in the back of my head. Then he said: Well, it happens in the best of families I was shocked but releved

Later he told me Mrs Shankly was having difficulty with the fact that we were having a church wedding and that Barbara would walk down the aisle in a white dress. He said that if we cancelled the church wedding and had a register-office ceremony instead, he would give us the deposit on any house of our choosing. Eventually Barbara agreed. We found a lovely Direc-bedroom terrace off Queens Drive, 10 minutes from the Shankly home. Wr Shankly paid the depost £450, and got a mortgage for the rest at £14 per month over 25 years.

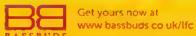
### an you help

Vic Gill would tove to hear from old LFC Juniors team-mates Sobby Oldnam, Stan Woodall and John Manning, They can contact Vic via litemag@ programmemasier.com.

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### Derby day is dawning

The first Merseyside derby of the season takes place or Saburday 27 September with the Resis fooling to repeat ast seasons home win over Everton. It will be the first time since the 2023/03 season that the first meeting of the two sides has taken place at Arriera.

Last term unerpool ran out commong 4-0 winners with a Danied Stumdge double book-ended by goals from Steven Gerrard and Lus Suarez. The Blues have strengthened their squad during the summer with big nama signings such as Rometic unleave and Samuel Elio o as well as midfield men Gareth Barry and Muhamed Baso.

The month's other home league date sees the Reds host Asten Villa on 13 September Last term Villa held Brendan Rodgers men securing a point from a 22 draw. Other Anfield action during the month will see Camplionships add Middlesbrough make there first veril smore August 2008 when the Reds start their Capital One Cup campagin against After Karanifars sede. Borro reached round three with a 31 viction year Presson North End.







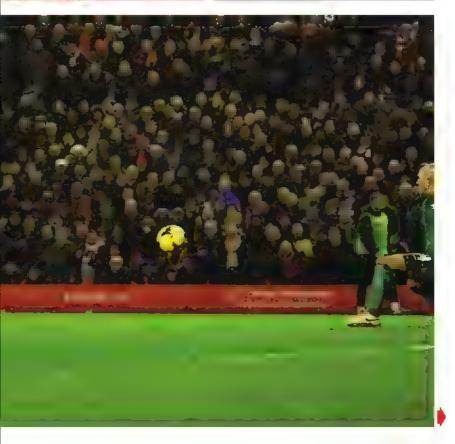
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### Anniversarie

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### Paisley show at the Pavilion

The 40th anniversary of Bob Passey's approximent as uverpool manager aboring selectands on stage. Respected author user transcription and the man behind the popular Shankly Show has written a brand new stage show which permeres at New Boghton's Boral Pavilion.

The curtain goes up on Bob Paisley: Reluctant Genius on Friday 12 September and will feature four of Paisley's legandary players live on stage. Ian Callaghan, Jimmy Case. Phil Neal and Alan Kennedy.

"Bob did a fantastic job following Bill Shankly winning a phenomenal collection of trophies, and we're all delighted to be a part of show that pays due hibude to what he achieved, says Gally

Tickets for the show, which leatures rolling images of Bob and an enthralling collection of audio clips, are available now proced £15 (£12 concessions) by calling £151 866 0000 visiting www.floralpavirion.com on in person at the theetre box office.





### **Hammers time**

uverpool head to Upton Park to false on West Harn on 20 September Brendan Rodgers's men will be aimingfor a repeat of last season's success against Sam Alardyoe's men two Steven Gerrard penalties secured a 2-1 win back in April Among the Hammers' aummer algnings are strikers Enner Valencia, Mauro Zarate and Draffa Sakho

Sam Allardyce's side started the season with a 1-0 home defect at the heads of Tottenharm but bounced back with a 3-1 win at Crystal Palace in their second league game thanks to goals from Zarate, Carlton Cole and ex-Red Stewart Downing.

### BLUES DATE

Liverpoot Cardes face a key clash or lettow FA WSL title hopefuls Biemingham City on Sunday 21 September 17th e word in the hopeful set of the face of





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### Rafa relives the glory of 2004/05

The return of Champions Laegue lootball and a Merseyside derby taple-header are just some of the highlights on LPC TV during what promises to be an expliring September

As the season gets into full swing the club's official TV channel goes from strength to strength. Alter at live-year absence the Reds are back in the Containent's elite competition and ahead of that first game we'll set the scene with a number of new shows From our strike in channel Strent

From our studio in Chapel Street. Heads in Europe will be coming to your screens all the start of every Champions League week. It if we'll be looking ahead to the games and celebrating our rich European heritage.

This year marks half-a-century since the club's first-ever competitive game in Europe and to commemorate such a significant anniversary Liverpoots Euro Top 50 will court through what



we deem to have been our most memorable European matches

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Domestically there's also plenty happening. Garnus don't dome much bigger than the Merseyside derby and local pinde is at stake for the Ladies. Under-21's and first team in September. For the best coverage stay tuned to the channel.

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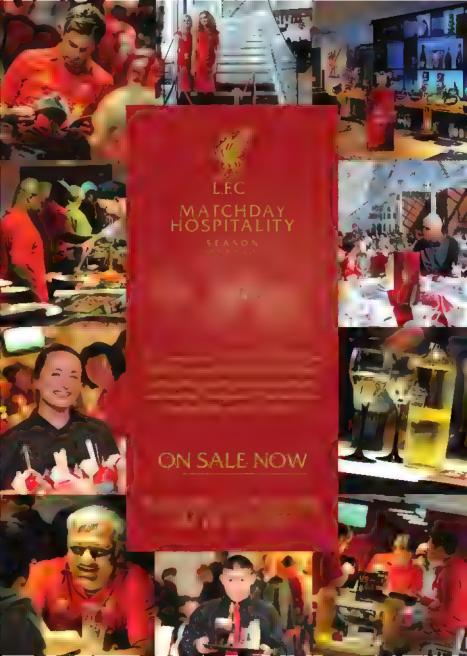
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## NON-LEAGUE DAY: GET INVOLVED!



pawned as a social-media experiment four years ago, Non-League Day is now a fully established part of this football calendar "Taking place only on International breaks this year's is on B September it provides a pastorm for clusts to promote the importance of affordable voluntaer-led community lootball while giving fores across the country.

The chance to show support for their total non-league aids. It's an attractive proposition for any Barciays Premier League or Chamolonship fan, or indeed Leagues

One and Two if you can't make it to your team's game

In the pick of the local features Crosby outfit Marine take on PC United of Manchester Like last season Marine area offering discourtised entry at the Arms Stadium to those in possession of unetroot. Everton. Tranniere Rowers and now APC Despool session-ticklists. Cristiman Paul Leary says: "This is a mother great way for Marseyade hostball fairs who already have season tickles at Everton. Liverpool of Tranniere Rowers to adopt Manne as their second team Also in the region. Carnnell Laird take on Litherland REMYCA, while Chester PC host Macclesfield Town in the Vanarama Conference.

Prostate Cancer UK will be the official charity partner of Non-League Day 2014. Its Men United v Prostate Cancer campage has already seen them build an important relationship with the Footbel League and UK director of fundatising Mark Bishop says. "We have embersted on a very deliberate way of using footbell as a very of tailving to men about this

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### A night for winners

The Reds Lounge

at Anfield recently played host to an extra-special awards evening

he achievements of children and adulis from uverpool FC Foundations disability sports programme. Pespect 4 A8, have been celebrated at a special event at Artield.

More than 40 players were joined by their coaches, family and friends in the Ridds Lourge at Antisid for their end-of-season awards ceremony Resent at St Mannant's CM-School

Based at St Margaret's CE School in Aigburth and Woodchurch High School in Wirral, the programme delivers fine impairment-operation must-spot cleases to more the way. So children and adults every week. The classes in thour rights a week cluming school term time, catering for children and adults with severe learning difficulties visual and physical impairment familiational and wheekcher users. Project lead Byari Mognard said: "I am so proud of air our Respect of All participants this year." Their hard of All participants this year. Their hard

work has been exemplary. It's very important for evolvone to celebrate their achievements with their fineholds and lamily and share their success." Furning for over 12 years, the Foundation's disability programme is one of its flaship in itiatives. As well as Respect 4 All it includes two Ability Courts centres in Apporth and the Winter Ability Courts staged its own very special event at Anfield the previous week.



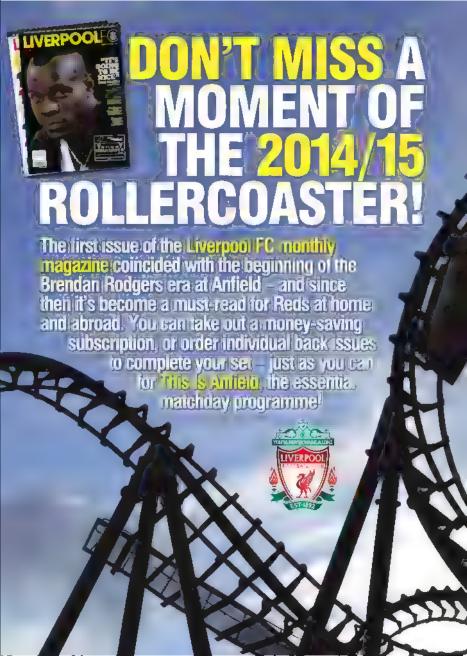
"More than 250 people took part in Belfast" Liverpool FC Foundation was in Belfast recently to deliver crosscommunity football coaching sessions to more than 250 young people

Six community coaches travelled armss the insh Sea and worked across various venues in Cookstown

and Belfast, Mark Haig, head of poerations at the Foundation, said 'Our qualified coaches delivered fun, challenging coaching sessions to help engage hundreds of local youngsters in sport and taught them to play the Liverpool Way



The club showed its support at this year's Liverpool Phote festival with members of staff, Liverpool Ladies and the Foundation Ambassadors all taking part in the march across the city Liverpool. FC representatives marched alongside Everton Tollees and the Gay Football Supporters Network in celebration of the city's lesbran, gay bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community Prousands of people took part in this year's event and the theme of 'Glam Fairy Tales created some fantastic and memorable costumes. There were also performances from the likes of Katy B and Heather Small and many more artists





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The Ion bucket challenge was isuncted for raise funds and awareness for ALS, the American runne for the condition usually referred to in the United Kingdom as Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Liverpool manager Prenden Rodgers was nominated by former semi-professional footballer and Reds fan Mark Maddox who is shing with MND and campaligning to raise awareness. A feature with Mark will appear in next moralify magazine.

## David LFC can benefit from the end of Steven's amazing England career



hen Roy Hodgson's England team went away at the start of September for their international games against Norway and Switzerland, a familiar face wat mission

Steven Gernard has been a brilliant servant for his country since 2000 and one of an elfe band of players to wear the Three Librar shirt more than 100 times. His ulient and expensione will be much missed by England and announcing his retirement from international football was clearly a tough decision.

From a Liverpool fain's perspective

however, it is undersiably good news. If the majority of Liverpool supporters had it their way, they would have wrapped Steven up in cotton wool a long time ago. They would never

### "He's been such a brilliant servant for his country over the years"

poudbye to England

have let him go and play for England at all so that we could have had him all to cursaives.

The reality is that he's an athlete and a sportsman and he naturally wanted to represent his country. He's captained England and won 114 caps which is a massive thing for a locitoaler.

To pull those Three Lions over your head is an incredible sensation. [Devid captained the England boxing team in Melbourne in 2005 and of ourse won a gold medal] and you feel a massive sense of pride in representing your country. It's something that money can't buy and Steven is not going to have that feeling any more, so he's not doubt had to agonise over that reality. But all 34 years of age, I think it's the right decision. There's still quite.

I had the same feeling as a boxer at the Commonwealth Games

But al 34 years of age, I think it's the right decision. There's still quite a long time until the next major tournament and I think what he needs to enjoy his football in the hyllight years of his career.

All in all, last season was one of his best. He played loads of games and was part of a team that with sis season things will work out even better Liverpool will certainly benefit from the captain being able to concentrate solely on his club football.

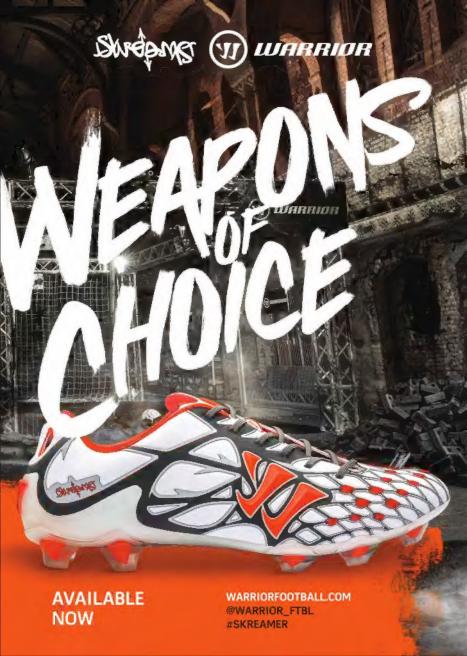
It was great to start the season with a wire agenet Southampton at Anfaid and after the tough visit to the Ethad in Manchester that followed, incycling the team can build a solid foundation for the Premier League campaign. This month will also see the return of the club to the UEFA Champions League which is something fin softennely excited about. It feels like we've been missing from the sournement for lar boo long and it will be great to see those special European nights back again.

On a personal note I'm hopeful of fighting again in December. My hand injury has been improving and I think I may be able to get back in the ring again before the end of the year.

That will set me up nicely going into: 2015. Next year I'm hopefully going to have some big opponents and be back involved in the big fights. I'll be aiming to come back to the Echo Arens and bring heavyweight boxing back to the city.

I'll be doing all I can do to prove to everyone that I can get to where they thought I was heading despite the setbacks I've had. I still think I can get there and I'm doing everything I can thinks is ever I do.

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